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It is our pleasure to present the opportunity for area citizens to have fun, eat delicious food and see the best livestock and high-quality products that your friends and neighbors here produce.

It is our pleasure to present the opportunity for area citizens to showcase the quality products they have made so that others can see what they've been up to. You'll find farm animals of all varieties, handcrafts, history, commerce, good foods and, if you like that sort of thing, the midway. And don't forget to catch a live show and a competition.

We extend our sincere appreciation to all who have exhibited in the past, and look forward to working with new, as well as past exhibitors, during our fair. And we thank all our visitors who make the fair complete. And we thank all our visitors who make the fair complete.

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About this Field Days Program

Addison County Fair and Field Days draws folks from around the county and even around the state to the fairgrounds in New Haven every August. The five-day extravaganza draws more people than any other event in Addison County. The best farmers, sugarmakers, cooks and bakers compete for bragging rights — as do those brave men and women who get behind the wheel in the demolition derby and the tractor pull (not to mention the folks who work with the powerful draft horses). More often than not, the winners turn out to be our neighbors, or the folks down the road whom we see at the grocery store and at our kids' school concerts.

Kids with cows, calves, sheep, lambs — livestock of all kinds! — work for weeks and months leading up to Field Days, grooming their animals for show-ring competition. Adults compete for the coveted Leona Thompson Bowl. Younger crafters try to earn the Frances Monroe Youth Award.

Contestants young and old — and every age between — gather fruits and vegetables from the garden and sugar and spices from the pantry; then whip them up into a smorgasbord of jams, pickles, cakes and cookies for competitions in the Food Department.

There are exhibits, pulls (tractor, truck, horse, oxen and pedal-tractor), animal judging, horse shows, carnival food by the ton and plenty of midway rides.

This booklet, which is filled with photographs taken by Steve James and others at last year's fair, is designed to serve as a guide to Field Days. A complete schedule of events can be found as well as profiles of this year's entertainers.

Entertainment at the fair comes not just in the form of bands but also includes the ever-popular armwrestling. The popular karaoke contest returns, as does the closing fireworks.

There is plenty to see and do over the five days of the fair — Aug. 9-13. Don't miss any of it!

Message to Superintendents

The *Addison Independent* will publish the results of as many Field Days competitions as we can get our hands on. Event superintendents should take their results to the Field Days office immediately after the events. Field Days staff will make copies and the *Independent* will publish the information as quickly as possible.

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2022 Dedication

Thanks “K.G.”

Ken Gilbert, broadcaster at WVTM radio, is the recipient of our 2022 Fair and Field Day's Dedication. This is a significant milestone as Ken did the first live broadcast from Field Days 50 years ago in 1972.

Ken grew up in Hartford, Conn., where he entered the U.S. Navy in 1967. After serving his time, Ken decided broadcasting would be his career.

His first job offer was at WFAD radio in Middlebury, Vt., where his first show was on Nov. 16, 1971. He worked with Middlebury College students Jim Douglas and Chris Graff (whose names you might recognize — Chris was Montpelier bureau chief for the Associated Press and Jim was Governor of Vermont, of course).

WFAD then acquired 92.1 in 1975 and Ken continues to broadcast on 92.1 WVTM today.

He is well known for remote location shows for local businesses and public service organizations including food drives with the United Way of Addison County and his favorite, Addison County Fair and Field Days!

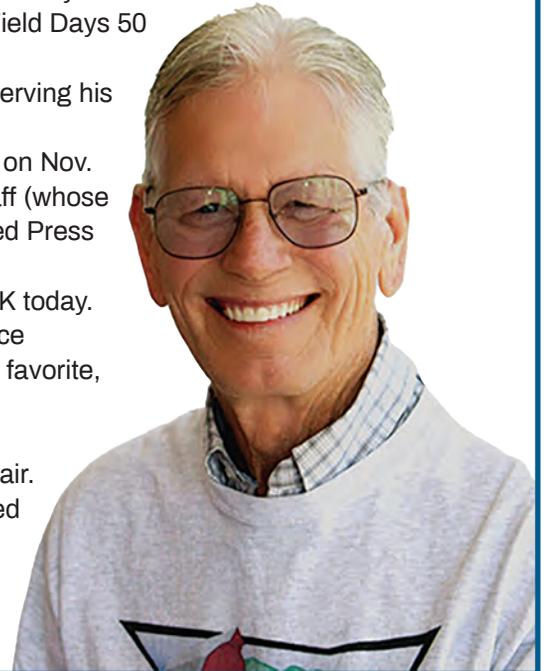
Ken is the “Voice of Field Days.”

He is responsible for providing radio ads to all local radio stations promoting the fair.

He broadcasts live throughout the week, keeping people entertained and informed about weather conditions and anything relevant the listener needs to know.

He will be at the fair again this year and welcomes guests at the radio building opposite the Field Day's office.

Congratulations, “K.G.”



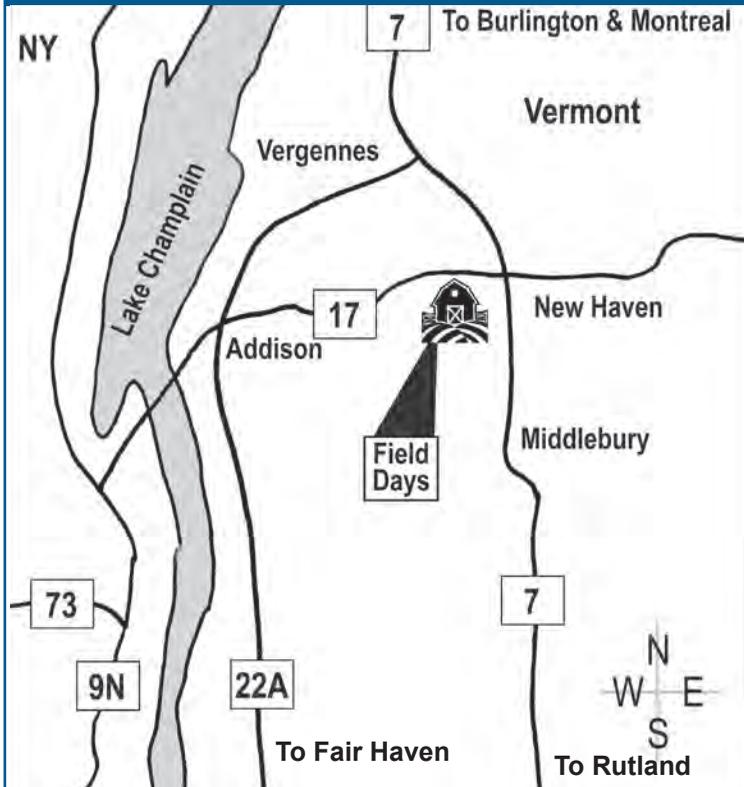
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2022 Daily Activities

Please Note: Most exhibits will be removed on Saturday night at 10:00.

- Children's Barnyard Open 10am - 10pm
- 4-H & Youth Building Open..... 10am - 10pm
- Antique Equipment Building Open 10am - 10pm
- Maple Sugar House Open 9am - 9pm
- Twist O' Wool Guild Demos
(Twist O' Wool Guild tent) 10am - 6pm
- Forest Festival Exhibits & Demonstrations
(forestry building)..... 10am - 10pm
- Home & Garden Building Open
with continuous craft demos..... 10am - 10pm
- Lucien Paquette Exhibit Building Open
- Daily Maple Products Demonstrations
(maple sugar house) 10am - 10pm
- Midway Open (approximately)..... 12pm - 12am
- Milking Parlor Demonstrations 1pm - 4pm
- Corn Hole Tournament..... 1pm & 6Pm

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Tuesday, August 9, 2022

Opening Ceremony & Parade, Demo Derby, Dinners & Shows

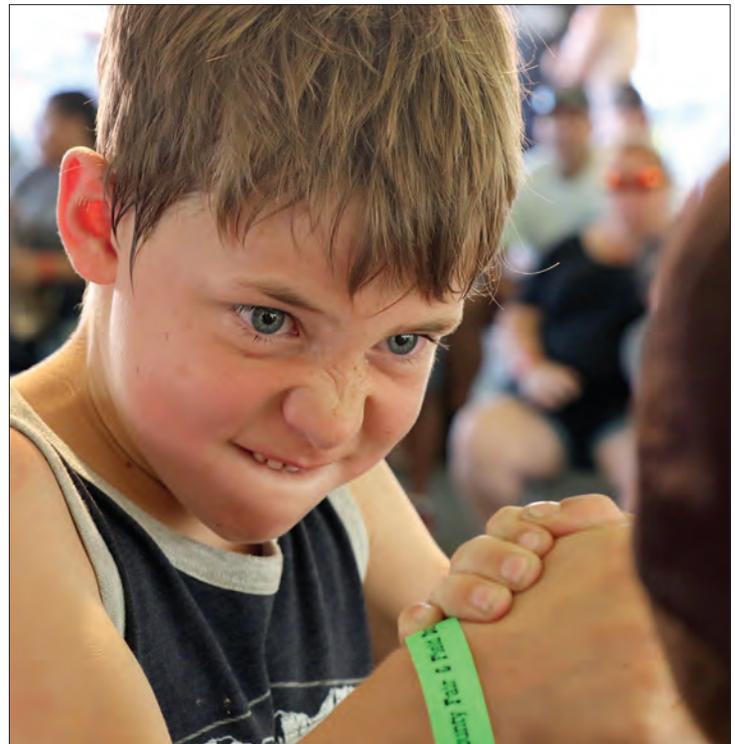
MORNING

- 8:30..... Western Only 4-H and Open Youth Junior Horse Show (horse area)
- 9:00..... 4-H Dairy Conformation Classes (animal show arena)
- 10:30..... Antique Equipment Demos (antique equipment area)
- 11:00..... Tom Joyce, The Magic Man (bandstand)
- 11:00-3:00 "Bee" Kind(Connor Home Stage in Paquette Bldg)

AFTERNOON

- 12:00-6:00 Cairo Northern Clowns (Front of FFA Food Booth)
- 12:00..... Dig For Treasure! (youth activity area) - FREE
- 12:00..... Pirate Man Dan (show tent)
- Noon..... \$25 BRACELET- Good For All Day Rides
- 12:30..... "Robinson's Racing Pigs" (dairy area)
- 1:00..... Midway Opens (approximately)
- 1:00..... Tom Joyce, The Magic Man (bandstand)
- 1:00..... CW Bike Stunt Show (show area)
- 1:30..... Antique Equipment Demos (antique equipment area)
- 1:30..... 4-H Hands on Workshop (4-H exhibit building)
- 1:30 Buffalo Barfield Unherd-of Entertainment (show tent)
- 2:00..... Sheep Shearing/Handling Demonstration (sheep tent)

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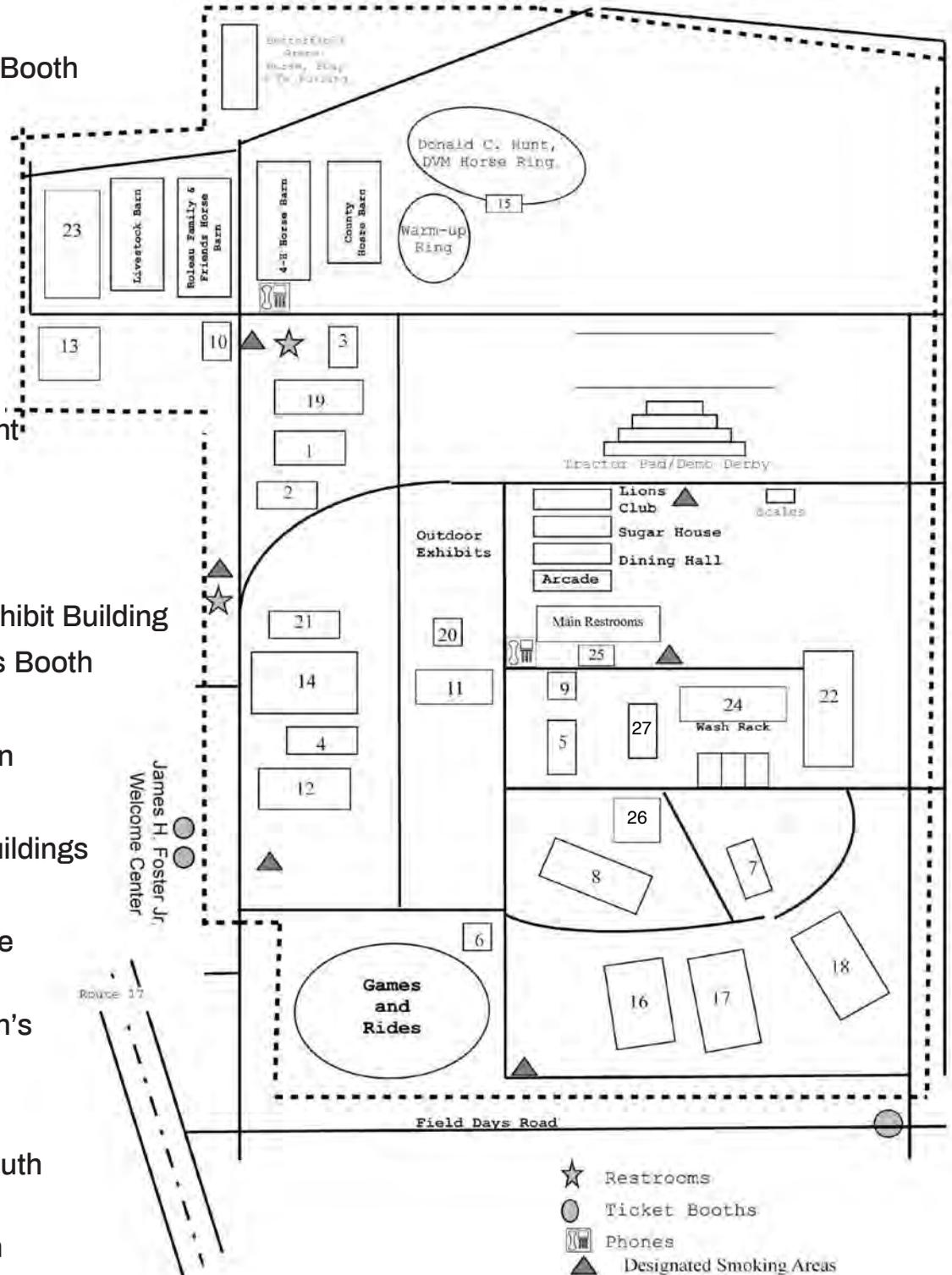


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Field Days Grounds Map

1. Kelly James Natural Resources Pavilion
2. Public Safety Building
3. Dusty Chuck 4-H Food Booth
4. 4-H Exhibit Building
5. Youth Food Booth
6. Field Days Main Office
7. Milking Parlor & Dairy Bar
8. Dairy Palace Arena
9. Bandstand
10. Twist O' Wool Guild Tent
11. Pavilion
12. Show Tent
13. Handmowing Area
14. Lucien D. Paquette Exhibit Building
15. Horse Area Manager's Booth
16. 4-H Dairy Barn
17. Open Dairy Show Barn
18. Beef Cattle Tent
19. Antique Equipment Buildings
20. Show Area
21. Frances Monroe Home & Garden Center
22. Sara McCarty Children's Barnyard
23. Sheep Tents
24. Pony Rides & Free Youth Activities
25. Infant Comfort Station
26. Addison County Toy Barn
27. Poultry Tent





Schedule of Events

- 2:00 - 4:00 Children's Activities (children's barnyard area) - FREE
- 3:00..... Pirate Man Dan (show tent)
- 3:00..... Antique Equipment Demos (antique equipment area)
- 3:00..... "Robinson's Racing Pigs" (dairy area)
- 3:30..... 4-H Hands on Workshop (4-H exhibit building)
- 3:30..... "Robinson's Racing Pigs" (dairy area)
- 3:30..... CW Bike Stunt Show (show area)
- 4:30..... Buffalo Barfield Unherd-of-Entertainment
- 5:15..... Vermont Products Dinner-1st Sitting (dining hall)
- 5:00..... Gymkhana (horse area)
- 5:30..... "Robinson's Racing Pigs" (dairy area)
- 6:00..... Vermont Products Dinner-2nd Sitting (dining hall)
- 6:00..... CW Bike Stunt Show(show area)
- 6:00..... Field Days Opening Parade - "The Place to Bee!"
- 6:00..... Aaron Audet Band(show tent)
- 6:45..... Vermont Products Dinner-3rd Sitting (dining hall)
- 7:00..... Miniature Horse Team Hitching Demonstration (children's barnyard)
- 7:00 G. Stone Motors Demo Derby (Tractor Pad)
- 7:00..... Whiskey & Wine Band (Bandstand)

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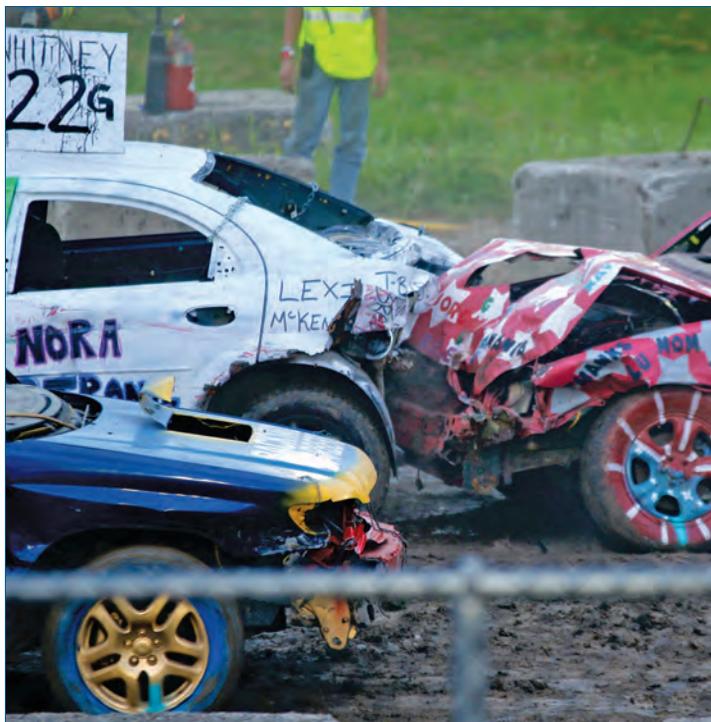
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Schedule of Events



Wednesday, August 10, 2022

Agricultural Shows & Demos, Caber Toss, Karaoke, and The Demolition Derby

MORNING

- 8:30.....English Only 4-H and Open Youth Jr. & Sr. Horse Show (horse area)
- 9:00.....Open Dairy Show-Holsteins, Ayrshires, Milking Shorthorns
- 9:30.....Ox Pulling (Butterfeld Arena)
- 10:00 - 2:00 ...Children's Activities (children's barnyard area) - FREE
- 10:30.....Antique Equipment Demos (antique equipment area)
- 11:00-:300 "Bee" Kind(Connor Home Stage in Paquette Bldg)
- 11:00.....Tom Joyce, The Magic Man (bandstand)

AFTERNOON

- 12:00-6:00Cairo Northern Clowns (Front of FFA Food Booth)
- Noon.....\$25 BRACELET- Good For All Day Rides
- 12:00.....Pirate Man Dan (show tent)
- 12:00.....Dig For Treasure! (youth activity area) - FREE
- 12:00.....Goat Show (sheep show tent)
- 12:00.....Men's Caber Toss (tractor pad)
- 12:30....."Robinson's Racing Pigs" (dairy area)
- 1:00.....Ladies Iron Skillet Toss (tractor pad)
- 1:00.....Town Hall Theater in Schools (Welcome Center)

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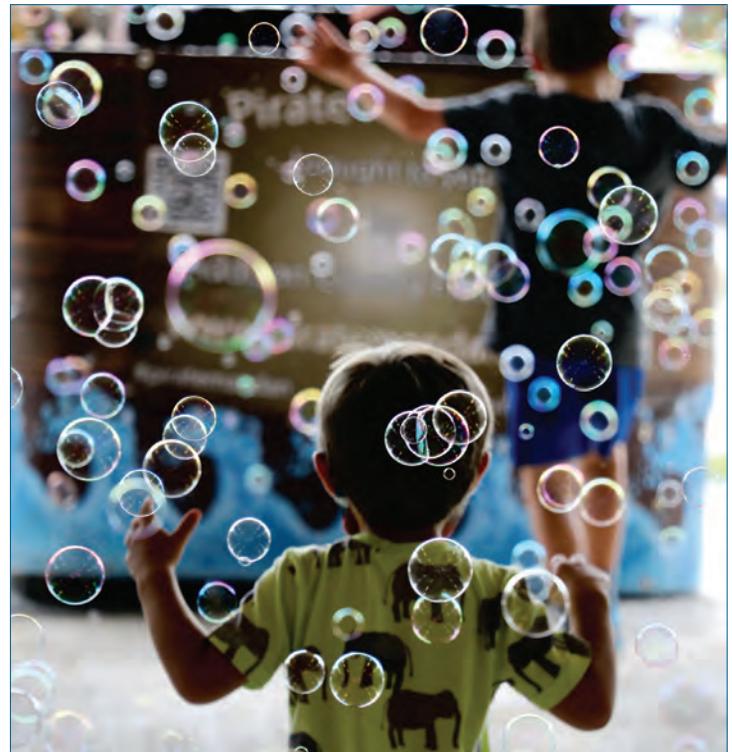
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Schedule of Events

- 1:00..... CW Bike Stunt Show (show area)
- 1:30..... Antique Equipment Demos (antique equipment area)
- 1:30..... 4-H Hands on Workshop (4-H exhibit building)
- 1:30..... Buffalo Barfield Unherd-of-Entertainment
- 2:00..... Sheep Shearing/Handling Demonstration (sheep tent)
- 2:30..... Tom Joyce, The Magic Man (bandstand)
- 3:00..... "Robinson's Racing Pigs" (dairy area)
- 3:00..... Antique Equipment Demos (antique equipment area)
- 3:00..... Pirate man Dan (Show tent)
- 3:30..... Town Hall Theater in Schools (Welcome Center Area)
- 3:30..... 4-H Hands on Workshop (4-H exhibit building)
- 3:30..... CW Bike Stunt Show (show area)
- 4:00..... 4-H & Other Youth Rabbit Showmanship (Childrens Barnyard)
- 4:30..... Buffalo Barfield Unherd-of-Entertainment (show tent)
- 5:30..... "Robinson's Racing Pigs" (dairy area)
- 5:30..... Miniature Horse Team Hitching Demonstration (children's barnyard)
- 6:00..... Town Hall Theater in Schools (Welcome Center Area)
- 6:00..... CW Bike Stunt Show (show area)
- 7:00..... Karaoke Talent Night with DJ Amanda Rock (signup at 6:30) (show tent)
- 7:00..... G. Stone Motors Demolition Derby (tractor pad)
- 7:30..... Phil Hoyt (bandstand)

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Thursday, August 11, 2022

Tractor Pulls MORNING

- 8:00..... Annual ACFFD Open Horse Show (horse area)
- 9:00..... 4-H Dairy Fitting & Showmanship Classes (animal show arena)
- 9:00..... 4-H & Other Youth Sheep Show (sheep show tent)
- 10:00..... Hand Mowing Contest (antique equipment demo area)2
- 10:00..... VTPA-Anitque Tractor Pulls
- 10:30..... Pony Pulling (Butterfeld Arena)
- 10:30..... Antique Equipment Demos (antique equipment area)
- 11:00..... Pedal Tractor Pull (show tent) (sign-ups at 10:00)
- 11:30..... Tom Joyce, The Magic Man (bandstand)
- 11:00-3:00 "Bee" Kind (Connor Home Stage in Paquette Bldg)

- 12:00-6:00 Cairo Northern Clowns (Front of the FFA Food Booth)
- 12:00..... Midway Opens (approximately)
- 12:00..... Dig For Treasure! (youth activity area) - FREE
- 12:00 - 4:00 ... Children's Activities (children's barnyard area) - FREE
- Noon..... \$25 BRACELET- Good For All Day Rides
- 12:30..... "Robinson's Racing Pigs" (dairy area)
- 1:00..... VTPA-Garden Tractor Antique (tractor pad)

- 1:00..... CW Bike Stunt Show (show area)
- 1:30..... Antique Equipment Demos (antique equipment area)
- 1:30..... Buffal Barfield Unherd-of-Entertainment (show tent)"
- 1:30..... 4-H Hands on Workshop (4-H exhibit building)
- 2:30..... Tom Joyce, The Magic Man (bandstand)
- 3:00..... Antique Equipment Demos (antique equipment area)
- 3:00..... Pirate Man Dan (Show Tent)
- 3:00..... "Robinson's Racing Pigs" (children's barnyard area)
- 3:30..... 4-H Hands on Workshop (4-H exhibit building)
- 3:30..... CW Bike Stunt Show(show area)
- 4:00..... Working Steer/Oxen Demonstration (animal show arena)
- 4:30..... Buffalo Barfield Unherd-of-Entertainment (show tent)
- 5:30..... "Robinson's Racing Pigs" (dairy area)
- 5:30..... Miniature Horse Team Hitching Demonstration (children's barnyard)
- 6:00..... CW Bike Stunt Show (show area)
- 6:30..... FreeStyle MotorCross Show (tractor pad)
- 7:00..... Whiskey & Wine(Band Stand)
- 7:30..... FreeStyle MotorCross Show (tractor pad)
- 7:30..... Animal Costume Class (animal show arena)

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Schedule of Events

8:00..... Toast (Show Tent)
 8:30..... FreeStyle MotorCross Show (tractor pad)

Friday, August 12, 2022

More Shows, Armwrestling and Pulling Competitions

MORNING

8:30..... Exhibitors' Breakfast (dining hall)
 9:00..... Open Sheep Show (sheep show tent)
 9:30..... Draft Horse Show (horse area)
 10:00 - 2:00 ... Children's Activities (children's barnyard area) - FREE
 10:00..... VTPA-Youth, Adult Stock, Sport Stock, ATVs, SuperStock Open, Pro Diesel, 4 Cyl Mod, Enhanced Antique Pulls (tractor pad)
 10:00..... Horse Pulling (Butterfeld Arena)
 10:30..... Antique Equipment Demos (antique equipment area)
 11:00..... Pirate Man Dan (show tent)
 11:00-3:00 "Bee" Kind (Connor Home Stage in Paquette Bldg)

AFTERNOON

12:00-6:00 Cairo Northern Clowns (front of the FFA Food Booth)
 12:00..... Dig For Treasure! (youth activity area) - FREE
 12:00..... "Robinson's Racing Pigs" (dairy area)
 12:00..... PeeWee Dairy Showmanship (animal show arena)
 Noon..... \$25 BRACELET- Good For All Day Rides
 12:15..... Buffalo Barfield Unherd-of Entertainment (Show Tent)
 1:00..... Tom Joyce, Magican (bandstand)
 1:00..... 4 Abreast, Show Division (horse area)
 1:00..... CW Bike Stunt Show(show area)
 1:30..... Antique Equipment Demos (antique equipment area)
 1:30..... 4-H Hands on Workshop (4-H exhibit building)
 1:30..... Pirate Man Dan (show tent)
 2:45..... Buffalo Barfield Unherd-of Entertainment (Show Tent)
 3:00..... Beef Show (animal show arena)
 3:00..... "Robinson's Racing Pigs" (dairy area)
 3:00..... Antique Equipment Demos (antique equipment area)
 3:30..... 4-H Hands on Workshop (4-H exhibit building)

3:30..... CW Bike Stunt Show (show area)
 4:00..... Tom Joyce, The Magic Man (bandstand)
 5:00..... Armwrestling-Kids 16 & under (sign up at 4:00) (show tent)
 5:30..... "Robinson's Racing Pigs" (dairy area)
 5:30..... Miniature Horse Team Hitching Demonstration (children's barnyard)
 6:00..... CW Bike Stunt Show (show area)
 6:00..... VTPA- Stock Street Legal, Mod Street Legal, Work Stock Legal, 2.6/3.0, Pro Diesel, VT V8 Minis, 2WD Minis Pulls (tractor pad)
 7:00..... Armwrestling-Adults (weigh-ins 5:00)(show tent)
 7:00..... Jolly Roger Band (bandstand)
 7:00..... NYTPA - Sanctioned Super Farm & Limited Pro Tractor Pulls (tractor pad)

Saturday, August 13, 2022

Dairy Show, Pulling Competitions & Fireworks!

MORNING

9:00 Open Dairy Show- Jersey, Brown Swiss & Guernsey
 9:00..... Draft Horse Show (horse area)
 10:00..... 4H & Other Youth Poultry Showmanship (Childrens Barnyard area)
 10:00..... Baked Bean Bonanza Contest & Samples (picnic pavilion)
 10:00..... VTPA-Farmstock, Open 4WD, Hot Farm, Super stock 4x4, Altered, Farm, Street Legal Semi, Single Engine Mod Pulls (tractor pad)
 10:30..... Antique Equipment Demos (antique equipment area)
 10:30..... Youth Sheep Blocking and Fitting Contest (sheep tent)
 11:00 - 3:00 ... Children's Activities (children's barnyard area) - FREE
 11:00-3:00 "Bee" Kind(Connor Home Stage in Paquette Bldg)
 12:00..... Pirate Man Dan (show tent)

AFTERNOON

12:00-6:00 Northern Cairo Clowns (front of FFA food booth)
 12:00..... Midway Opens (approximately)

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- 12:00..... "Robinson's Racing Pigs" (dairy area)
- Noon..... \$25 BRACELET- Good For All Day Rides
- 12:30..... Tom Joyce, The Magic Man (bandstand)
- 1:00..... Rack 'N Reel's Sling Shot Competition
..... (sign up at 12:00)(Butterfeld Arena)
- 1:00..... Six Horse Hitch, North American Classic Six
..... Qualifer (horse area)
- 1:30..... Antique Equipment Demos (antique equipment area)
- 1:30..... 4-H Hands on Workshop (4-H exhibit building)
- 1:30..... Buffalo Barfield Unherd-of-Entertainment (Show Tent)
- 2:30..... Turkey Calling Contest (Butterfeld Arena)
- 3:00..... Pirate Man Dan (Show Tent)
- 3:00..... Antique Equipment Demos (antique equipment area)
- 3:00..... Sheep & Wool Garment Lead Line Class (sheep
..... show tent)
- 3:00..... Sheep Shearing/Handling Demonstration (sheep
..... tent)
- 3:00..... "Robinson's Racing Pigs" (dairy area)
- 3:30..... Duck & Goose Calling Contest (sign up at 2:30)
..... (Butterfeld Arena)
- 3:30..... 4-H Hands on Workshop (4-H exhibit building)
- 3:30..... CW Bike Stunt Show (Show Tent)
- 3:30..... Tom Joyce, The Magic Man (bandstand)
- 5:00..... Home & Garden Awards & Leona Thompson Bowl
..... Presentation (home & garden bldg)
- 5:30..... "Robinson's Racing Pigs" (dairy area)
- 5:30..... Miniature Horse Team Hitching Demonstration
..... (children's barnyard)
- 6:00..... CW Bike Stunt Show(show area)
- 6:00..... Nickel& Dime (bandstand)
- 7:00..... VTPA-VT V8 Minis, Altered Farm, Street Legal,
..... Semis, S.S. 4x4, Pickups, Hot farm, Pro Stock,
..... Single, Engine Mod Pulls(tractor pad)
- 7:00..... Pitz Quattrone (Show Tent)
- 7:00..... NYTPA - Sanctioned Super Farm & Limited Pro
..... Tractor Pulls (tractor pad)
- 9:15..... Champlain Valley Equipment Closing Fireworks
..... Display (set off east of horse area)

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Calf competitions at Dairy Conformation Classes showcase cows and presenters

By JOHN VAALER

"I'm the only one in my class right now, but first place is always the goal," Mount Abraham Union High School student Abigail Reen said at last year's Field Days.

Abigail, with her Ayshire spring calf named Oakley, bagged an unchallenged Blue Ribbon at the 4-H Youth Dairy Show Conformation Classes on the first day of Addison County Fair and Field Days 2021, which was judged by Renee Baker.

Reen said that her calf's greatest strength was her fluid style and obedience.

"Her best strength is how well she leads with me, because she pretty much just follows me around like a dog," Reen said.

Before she went on to the Spring Calf Championship — where calves born between March 1-April 30 compete — Reen said that she viewed the contest as a great op-

portunity for Oakley the cow to get some show biz experience.

"This is her first show ever, so let's see how it goes," Reen said.

The winner of the Spring Calf Championship and the Munger Award was Sarah Hill, presenting her Holstein Spring Calf named Outstanding.

Outstanding's greatest strengths, according to Hill, are her "wideness and rib openness."

Hill went on to win the Fall Calf competition, too (where calves born between September and November compete), winning the Steve Pope Award for Best Fall Calf of Show after presenting her cow Tuxedo. Asked about how she feels about her double victory, Hill said she felt "excited."

"Training them is kind of hard at some points," she added.

But perhaps the biggest surprise was the Winter calf competition,



RENEE BAKER LOOKS over Oakley, the calf presented by Abigail Reen at last year's Dairy Conformation Classes at Addison County Fair and Field Days 2021. This was Oakley's first time in a competition.

Independent photos/John Vaaler

where 10-year-old Renee Plouffe won the Plouffe Award, which was named after Renee's own great-grandmother.

Plouffe was with the calf she trained, named Cocoa. Plouffe said her biggest challenges when getting Cocoa into model shape were "trying to set her up and getting her

to walk slow."

MAUHS student Andrew Lester, 16, competed in the Spring Calf competition, where he and his cow Tilly earned a blue ribbon. Lester said he appreciated that the Conformation Classes have returned in 2021 after a two-year absence due to Field Days being canceled in 2020 due to the pandemic.

"It's great to get back to showing this year," Lester said. "Everyone's a bit more rusty, but it's really fun to get back here."



BLUE-RIBBON WINNER Andrew Lester, a 16-year-old at Mount Abraham Union High School at last year's Field Days, smiles with his spring calf, Tilly. Lester was glad that the Conformation Classes were happening again after 2020 competitions were canceled due to COVID-19.



SARAH HILL AND her spring calf Outstanding won the Munger Award for Best Spring Calf of the show in 2021. During the calf competitions, Hill went on to also win the Steve Pope Award for Best Fall Calf.

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What in the world is a 'gymkhana?'

By HANNAH LAGA ABRAM

Lori Brown may run the Field Days event with the strangest name, but she said it's also one of the more inclusive and family-oriented competitions on the program: the gymkhana.

Gymkhana celebrated its 10th anniversary at Addison County Fair and Field Days.

Pronounced "gym-," as in where you go work out, "-khana," rhymes with "nirvana," the term hails from 19th century India and denotes something along the lines of an assembly where skill-based contests are held.

In the horse world, gymkhanas consist of multiple speed and precision-oriented events. Each event requires riders to maneuver their mounts in a specific pattern around barrels or poles, as fast as possible. The top six finishes in each age group in each event receive points, which are tallied up at the end of the night to determine the overall champion and reserve champion. Champions and top finishes in each event received small cash prizes.

Brown, from Pittsford, rode in her first gymkhana when she was 12, and said both of her daughters have grown up in it.

At the 2021 Field Days gymkhana, her experience showed.

Emma Brown, 16 last year, and Kassidy Brown, 14 at the time, both competed in the "Junior" division (age 11-17). They emerged

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KASSIDY BROWN RACES her horse, Jet, through a pattern called the "Cloverleaf Barrels" in the gymkhana competition at last year's Field Days. Photo by Adam Mahady

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There are lots of entertaining things to see and do at the county fair, but if you want to just sit down and watch professional entertainers and highly skilled amateurs do their thing, Field Days has a lot to offer.

The 2022 edition of Addison County Fair & Field Days offers visitors a broad range of entertainers that will delight both young and old. There will be plenty for fairgoers to laugh at and hum along to as they stroll around the grounds. Plus there are several acts performing in the evenings that must be seen.

This year's lineup of new and returning acts ranges from silly to scintillating, and includes music from karaoke to a couple of Addison County's favorite bands. There will also be all sorts of other types of acts including stunt biking, magic and the ever-popular racing pigs. Plus, some of the competitions are as much for entertainment as for cheering on the competitors.

Just about everywhere you turn there will be some sort of entertainment act going on.

Here is what to look for each night at the show tent and bandstand, followed by profiles of the performers on stage every day throughout the fair.

- **Aaron Audet** kicks off the week's entertainment on Tuesday at 6 p.m. in the Show Tent. He and his band are quite popular and there is always a great crowd for their performances, which include acoustic guitar and popular covers. Aaron tells us that they are very upbeat and play fun music to listen to and sing along with.

- The **Field Days Opening Parade** steps off from near the tractor pad at 6 p.m. on Tuesday. This year's theme is "The Place to Bee." All entrants are asked to assemble 45 minutes



AARON AUDET BAND

before the parade start time on the east side of the tractor pad on the road to the north of the parking area. There will be prizes for the winning entries. Contact Benj Deppman at

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JOLLY ROGER BAND



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462-2122, Diane Norris at 897-7014 or any Field Days director if you plan to participate.

- There will be more live music at the Show Tent at 7 p.m. when **Whiskey & Wine** will take the stage. Steve Audy and Lori Towle make up this fun and engaging acoustic duo that performs many of your favorite cover songs. Their set lists span decades and genres creating a “something for everyone” entertainment experience. They will perform again on Thursday at 7 p.m.

- Head to the Show Tent on Wednesday at 7 p.m. when Addison County DJ Amanda Rock will lead the ever-popular **Karaoke Talent Night**. Amada will help get the energy flowing so you all can let your inner performer come out on stage. Sign up for a spot in the show beginning at 6:30 p.m. You will probably find a few diamonds in the rough among your Addison County neighbors when it comes to singing.

- Over at the bandstand on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m., **Phil Hoyt** will do the performing for those who want to sit and listen. This Granville, N.Y., singer-songwriter of traditional country music has been performing for 20-plus years at fairs, carnivals, bars and benefits anywhere they wanted real

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PITZ QUATTRONE

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country music. As his business cards says, Phil's music is so down to earth it has grass stains on it

• The Vergennes-based band **Toast** will shake the Show Tent at 8 p.m. on Thursday. Led by Amanda Rock (remember her from Karaoke Talent Night?) and Eric Bresnick, this quartet plays music in the key of ROCK. Their music can go in many directions and is sometimes called an "eclectic mix." With more than a decade on stage, this band knows how to please an audience.



BUFFALO BARFIELD

• The fun **CW Bike Stunt Show** will perform in the Show Tent two or three times a day. They are lots of fun to see and very athletic.

• And if you want to see tricks done on grander scale, head to the tractor pad on Thursday evening for the **FreeStyle MotorCross Show**, featuring absolutely ridiculous tricks and stunt performed on moving, jumping, air-borne motorcycles. These skilled riders will perform three times on Thursday: 6:30, 7:30 and 8:30 p.m. There is some excitement revving

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NICKEL & DIME

up for this show.

- If think you might like to see and listen to a pirate-themed musical act, check out **Jolly Roger Band** on Thursday on the Bandstand at 7 p.m. The foursome looks to be a lot of fun and they say they only play classic *danceable* Rock 'n' Roll.

- Musical entertainment at Field Days wraps up on Saturday night with two great bands. First up at 6 p.m. at the Bandstand is the New Haven-based quintet **Nickel & Dime**. Three guitars, some drums and a lovely singer make up the band. You may have seen them play at Porkies off Route 7 or at Basin Harbor earlier this summer. Now's your chance to hear them rock at Field Days!

- And to round out the week there is a really special act: **Pitz Quattrone** will perform his one-man show that is the smile-creating, gyrating, unique entertainment experience that



PIRATE MAN - DAN

features didgeridoo, voice, percussion, and lots of grooves. If you already love the sound of the long, pipe-like instrument from Australia that is the didgeridoo, you will want to experience this guy. If you're not sure, well, check him out.

At 9:15 on Saturday evening Field Days entertainment draws to a close with a classic — the **Champlain Valley Equipment Closing Fireworks Display**, which will be set off east of the horse area but viewable throughout the grounds.

APPEARING REGULARLY

In addition to all of the special performances above, the fair offers a full slate of daytime entertainment, with some performers appearing each day, often several times. Here is a look at those:

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- A popular performer returning this year is **Pirate Man Dan**, who will be offering his “Pirate Adventure Experience” twice a day at the Show Tent. Dan Jolley of Groton, an experienced clown, will offer a fun show for all ages — he says, “even teenagers.” The friendly pirate’s act includes balloons, magic, unicycling, stilts and bubbles. One reviewer said Pirate Man Dan “put on a great show. Not only did all the kids in the room enjoy him, but he had the adults all laughing at his jokes.”

- **Cairo Northern Clowns** are scheduled to walk the grounds daily to provide a smile and a laugh when you least expect it.

- Look for **Buffalo Barfield’s “Unherd of Entertainment”** to tickle your funny bone in the show tent at various



PEDDLE TRACTOR PULLS

times. Gregg “Buffalo” Barfield and his wife, Michele, have created a unique and entertaining comedy and variety music show. The South Carolina-based act’s unique blend of music and comedy has been described as “Jeff Foxworthy meets Jimmy Buffett.” The show is a blend of Americana, country, blues and oldies rock ‘n’ roll music with a touch of down home “clean” comedy. This one is good for the young kids.

- **Tom Joyce, the Magic Man**, will appear twice a day at the bandstand. Check the schedule to see when he is performing. He’s absolutely fabulous with the kids, but grown-ups will enjoy the show, too.

- **Rosie’s Racing Pigs** will run their hilarious competition several times a day near the dairy area. It combines the livestock portion of Field Days with the levity of an entertaining show.





Hand mowing contest connects to history, quiet

By HANNAH LAGA ABRAM

Quiet can be hard to find at Field Days, but around the back of the cornfields, the “hand mowing” contest draws those who appreciate a practice of listening and focus.

“We’re just out here cuttin’ grass,” said Tim Williams, a competitor from Lyme, N.H.

The 2021 hand mowing contest at Field Days was only Williams’s second competition, and he felt like he’d improved since his first a couple weeks earlier.

Williams usually uses a scythe — the long-handled implement with the curved blade that has been used for mowing by hand since, supposedly, 5000 BC — just once or twice a year. But the competition is in his system and he wants to get more into it.

“You get the rush, even though it looks kind of pedestrian,” he said of competing at hand mowing.

Competitors, split into classes by age and gender — the gender division will no longer apply to next year’s competition — are judged on the width and speed of their pass along a 15- or 25-foot-long swath of specially grown mixed grasses and weeds, as well as the “evenness of their stubble” — how uniform the grass cut is.

Judd Markowski of Bridport, who co-organizes last year’s event, commented on every move with a microphone to his lips. He first competed at the Field Days event when he was 16, after learning how to hand mow while working on a dairy farm “up the road.”

He won the junior class that

year, but hasn’t touched the gold since, though he’s competed for the past 10 years and organized for the past three. He’s sitting out this time because of an injured shoulder.

Maybe it’s for the best.

For winning the competition, you get “sudden fame — it ruins most people,” Markowski said, straight-faced.

But he loves it, especially seeing new folks come out.

“My favorite thing is how many people show up for this kooky thing, and there’s no iPhones out,” he said.

The simplicity of scythe technology is a major part of its function and charm.

“Everything has an engine on it these days, but you can actually hear the blade — I love it,” Markowski said.

Michaela Stickney, Markowski’s co-organizer from Huntington, feels similarly.

“I love the fluidity, the sound of steel cutting blades of grass — it’s meditative,” she said.

Stickney learned how to mow 13 years ago from Lucien Paquette, the founder of Field Days, among others, and has competed all over the place. She also teaches “scythe school” at Brush Brook Community Farm in Huntington.

Stickney is still one of the few women in the contest.

Gayle German has been mowing “on and off” for five years and came up from Canaan, N.H., to compete.

But she didn’t have any competition in her age class and gender.

“It’s a little disappointing...I wish more women would do this

“You get the rush, even though it looks kind of pedestrian.”

— Tim Williams



A PARTICIPANT IN last year’s hand mowing competition pulls his scythe through a shock of grass on the Field Days property.

Photo by Adam Mahady

in their gardens,” she said.

“It’s low-key, you meet a lot of great people, and it’s keeping the old way alive,” German added.

German is one of several competitors who claim they got into hand mowing because of New Hampshire-based Don Elder. Elder started out mowing as a kid, and now does it as a hobby. He’s been competing at the fair since 2009 or 2010, he said.

Now 83, “I think it (mowing) helps me out (with my dancing,”

Elder said.

A lot of the craft is about angles of rotation and keeping the blade close to the ground, Markowski explained to the crowd.

Several times, he shouted at mowers to “keep breathing.”

There’s magic and meaning in the practice.

“You’re that much closer than with a big tractor — it’s quiet, you’re closer to the outdoors, and people kind of look at you funny, which is perfect,” Williams said.



FRIENDS TANNER BURNS, left, Avery Carl, Tucker Wright and Joseph Bergevin climb one of the vintage tractors in front of the tractor pad at Field Days in 2019.

Independent file photo/Nora Peachin

Farmers-to-be learn the value of work

By NORA PEACHIN

A gang of four middle-school-age boys climb the antique tractors sitting next to the Tac-O' the Town truck at Field Days in 2019, laughing and discussing tomorrow's 4-H competition. It would be Avery Carl's first year participating.

The friends decide to head over to the barn, to check in on Avery's cows. The team hitches a ride on the courtesy shuttle. "We'll need a ride after to the 'Are you a good person?' stand," Avery let the driver know, referring to a tent

where people talk about religion. "I'm supposed to be picking up elderly people," the driver replied with a laugh after dropping the boys at the barn.

"We've been coming since we were babies. We hang out every year," Avery's friends explained as he tended to Rosie and Matt. He scooped hay and gave each cow a quick pet before running off with his buddies.

"We've been coming since we were babies. We hang out every year."

Avery comes from a long line of 4-H competitors. His parents, Matt and Lindsey Carl, owners Circle C Farm in Bridport, each had their time to shine in the Field Days Show Area at previous fairs. Avery's younger brother, Parker, was also due to be competing for the first time in 2019.

Lindsey praised her sons for their hard work in preparation

for Friday's event. "A big part of 4-H is that (the kids) do the work themselves," she said. "It's important that kids learn a good work ethic. There's nothing better than farming to teach kids that."

Although Parker and Avery are doing the dirty work, competition prep has been an educational experience for the whole family. Lindsey and Matt have been raising beef for the past 15 years, but their show experience is exclusively in dairy and horse. So, this was the family's first foray into beef.



Gymkhana

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from the gymkhana as reserve champion and champion, respectively.

Both started riding horses when they were two or three years old.

“Or, if you count in utero...” Lori said.

The Browns love the competition and train for it year-round, but “anyone can do it,” Lori said, adding that the event is “inclusive of all ages, levels and breeds.”

At last year’s Tuesday event, a few of the very young “Peewees” — those 10 and under — were accompanied into the arena by an assistant who led their horse through the pattern by the reins. The youngest competitor was just three years old.

“I’ve always been on horses...

since before I could steer,” Cassidy said.

Kassidy, who started her night off strong riding into second place in the Cloverleaf Barrels with a time of 18 seconds flat, said she’s practiced this pattern at least once a week since practically before she can remember.

She still gets an adrenaline rush every time.

“The nerves and excitement hit you right as you come out of the gate,” she said. She said she noticed a couple things she could’ve done better, but overall felt great about her first ride of the night.

Kassidy was nervous for Pole Bending, the second event, because her horse, Jet, isn’t used to the pattern.

“I don’t know what he’ll do, but that’s the fun of it,” she said.

Pole Bending did prove to be a challenge, but Cassidy came back from not placing top six in that event by placing top three in all the rest — Double Bowtie, Cat’s Cradle and Horseshoe Barrels — to claim her first place in the junior division. Her sister was a close second.

“They did amazing,” Lori said. Though they’re in it for the

competition, Lori and Cassidy both noted how important it is to feel connected to their horses.

“I have a really great bond with my horse,” Cassidy said. That bond, which Lori said is “hard to put into words,” is what made her want to share horsemanship with her daughters.

Kassidy said she’ll teach her kids to ride as well. “I do love this...I’ll definitely keep doing this,” she said, before running into the ring to retrieve a hat a previous rider had dropped while galloping to the finish.

The sense of family and community was apparent throughout the evening, in the stands and the announcer’s booth, as well as in the arena.

“Especially this year, it’s just being able to get people here, it’s about being together,” Lori said.

“The nerves and excitement hit you right as you come out of the gate.”

— Cassidy Brown

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Judging competitions takes skill and tact

By JOHN VAALER

What does a judge in Addison County Fair and Field Days Home and Garden Department competitions base their assessment of crafts, home-grown vegetables and art work?

Quality of workmanship, flavor, distinctiveness ...

Bethany Barry, who was judging a fish tank filled with little crocheted fish in the Frances Monroe Building at the New Haven fairgrounds in 2021, was especially pleased with the creativity of the project.

The submission reminded her of the value of “(seeing) that people have the ingenuity, actually the engineering skills.

“I’ve been working at Field Days for quite a while,” Barry added. “I’ve never seen anything like this.”

The scores of competitions at Field Days keep Addison County residents personally involved in the fair, giving average citizens a chance to exercise their creativity and potentially win bragging rights among friends and neighbors.

“As a board, (we want) to keep this a very family friendly, positive experience,” said Megan Sutton, the director of Home and Garden Department competitions, which centered around all sorts of food, drawing, crocheting and horticulture.

Sutton noted that the volunteer judges she picks are qualified.

“We have a gardener who comes in and judges the vegetables,” she said. “We have people from the garden club who judge the flowers and plants. We have a professional weaver coming to judge the weaving.”

Although she’s been working at the Home and Garden Department and as a fair board member for more than half a decade, Sutton’s roots at Field Days go back decades.

“I showed here as a kid,” she

reminded. “When I was young, we lived right down the road. We could walk here or ride our horse if I wanted to be in the horse show.”

QUICK BREAD JUDGMENT

“Flavor is most important to me,” Leicester resident Kathy Sargent said.

Sargent and other judges assessed the merits of several types of baked goods including muffins and quick breads.

At the quick bread segment, the judges tasted a sweeter quick bread, then an eggy low-carb bread, and finally a kiwi flavored version of the snack that earned special praise. The other members of Sargent’s team were judges Graham Sutton, Marci Hays and Marci’s 14-year-old daughter, Abigail.

Although flavor is the most important quality for baked goods, according to Sargent, aftertaste is essential, too.

“The aftertaste, and that someone didn’t bake it a long time ahead,” Sargent said about other cornerstones of good baking submissions. “Because sometimes when people enter a lot, time management is difficult. We want to make sure the quick bread has not gone bad.”

After a sweet but unremarkable quick bread, the judges tasted a low-carb, yellow loaf.

None of the judges were very happy with this bread. Goshen resident Marci Hays, wincing a little, explained her issues with the low-carb quick bread.

“It wasn’t what I was expecting,” she said. “It wasn’t as sweet — or moist. It didn’t also have a flavor.”

But although judging at Field Days means she occasionally tastes inadequate breads, Hays said she still loves her role. Exploring the different recipes from the various contestants is her favorite part of the gig.

Being a baked goods judge isn’t very difficult for Abigail Hays. In



CROCHETING JUDGE KAT Cyr is extremely impressed with the crocheted-aquarium made by Shoreham resident Nicolee Terre in the 2021 Home and Garden competitions. “Just because they’re so small, so intricate, stuffing it (is a challenge),” Cyr said. “It took some yard and some pieces. A lot of careful hand-stitching and details.”

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her spare time, the teenager makes floury treats herself. “I don’t (bake) as much as I like to, but I do it when I can,” Abigail said.

As the committee began slicing up a kiwi quick bread, Graham Sutton talked about how his previous experiences have made him a valuable quick bread judge.

“I don’t have a whole lot of background in baking,” Sutton admitted. “But (I am) definitely a food enthusiast, which qualifies me. So, I have a definite background in food.”

The part of the competition he enjoyed most is getting to witness firsthand the creativity of Addison County’s bakers. “Just seeing people being able to express themselves through food,” Sutton said.

On the kiwi bread, Sutton was impressed with its quirkiness.

“I thought it was a little outside of the box,” he said.

CROCHETING

At the crocheting competition, judges Bethany Barry of Cornwall and Kat Cyr of Ferrisburgh took a

shine to an aquarium complete with crocheted fish. Shoreham resident Nicolee Terre’s creation won a blue-and-gold ribbon and a perfect score, earning full marks in overall appearance, design, workmanship and creativity.

The fish tank included crocheted flora and fauna such as seaweed, stingrays, seahorses, marlins and coral. “It must have taken months, at least,” noted Cyr.

“Just because they’re so small, so intricate, stuffing it (is a challenge),” she said. “It took some yard and some pieces. A lot of careful hand-stitching and details.”

Fairy garden judge January Stearns said a mix of honesty and tact are important qualities for a gardening judge.

“You want to encourage people to come back,” she said. “But you have to be diplomatic about it. You can’t give someone who spent no time (working on their product) a blue ribbon. It shouldn’t be in poor condition.”



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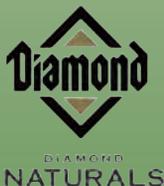
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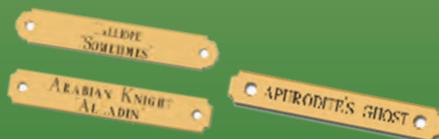


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